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SUBJECT: MSG APARTMENT

1. APARTMENT FOR MSG DISCUSSED IN RECENT TELCON NO LONGER AVAILABLE. TERMS INSISTED UPON BY LANDLORD OUTRAGEOUS TO INCLUDE ONLY LEASING FOR 3 YEARS WITH FULL 2-YEAR ADVANCE. ADMIN OFFICER FEELS THAT SUCH A LEASE HIGHLY DETRIMENTAL TO USG.

2. FURTHER SEARCHING CAME UP WITH ANOTHER SUITABLE APARTMENT BUT SAME PROBLEM OCCURED. LANDLORD ASKING 2-YEAR ADVANCE ON A TWO-YEAR LEASE.

3. ADMIN OFFICER FEELS THAT THE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN PARA 1 AND 2 IS A SIGN THAT LANDLORDS HAVE BEGUN TO REALIZE THAT TYPE OF LEASES ENTERED INTO IN JUNE (5 TO 7 YEARS FIXED RENT) ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR INTERESTS IN VIEW OF SKYROCKETING PRICES BEING PAID BY VARIOUS EMBASSIES AND COMPANIES.

4. SEARCH FOR MSG HOUSING WILL CONTINUE AND ANY POSITIVE RESULTS WILL BE PASSED IMMEDIATELY.
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